

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 11, 2013, A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 11th day of July, 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan retired as a police officer from the Town of Orchard Park at 5:30 p.m. May 31, 2013 after hanging up his badge and surrendering his weapon; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan ended his outstanding career, which began in 1986 for a total of 27 years in law enforcement in Orchard Park; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan enjoyed assisting people in need, from the most serious of problems, such as an accident, domestic issue or someone losing their beloved pet, to helping an elderly resident take out their garbage; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan also enjoyed working with children, visiting schools, leading tours of the police station and giving them the feeling of safety and security; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan spent 15 years as the town's emergency manager and conducted arson and fire investigations for the Orchard Park Police Department until he retired; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan is a dedicated member of the Windom Fire Company, where he was twice elected as chief; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan has been working as the training officer for the Orchard Park Fire District for the past several years and spent 20 years as a fire instructor for New York State, in addition to working as the assistant director of training for the State Association of Fire Chiefs; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan has been acknowledged by Orchard Park Police Chief Mark Pacholec as being very dedicated, having a unique sense of humor, and always being on time; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hanrahan was quoted saying, "The reason we get a call is because that's the worst thing going on in someone's life right then - - and you have to help them through it."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to thank, applaud and congratulate Orchard Park Police Officer William J. Hanrahan, for his 27 years of dedication to the residents of Orchard Park, his fellow police officers and all who he has helped during his career.

John J. Mills
Erie County Legislator – District 11

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County